

STEEL STRIKE UNCHANGED

TRUST MAKES CONCESSIONS BUT WILL NOT UNIONIZE ALL MILLS

Offers Uniform Wages and Accepts Other Demands Except to Force Its Men Into Labor Organizations Unwillingly—Amalgamated Men Flatly Refuse This Offer

Pittsburgh, July 11.—A conference between three constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers was held to-day at the Hotel Lincoln. It was said authoritatively that the companies represented agreed to make concessions. They offered to sign the amalgamated scale for all the plants and to make the wages uniform for the various kinds of work in all mills operated but declined to unionize the plants that have been operated for years as non-union.

They declared that it would be unfair to the men to force them into the unions if they do not desire to join. They were all willing to concede the right to the amalgamated officials to enter the mills and organize the men, but objected to compulsion. This proposition of the manufacturers was discussed most of the day. The representatives of the workmen, however, flatly refused to entertain it and insisted on the old demand that the companies must sign the scale for all their mills, union and non-union. The conference adjourned this evening and will meet again to-morrow.

Those who took part in the conference were Warner Arms, Vice-President of the American Tin Plate Company; Veryl Preston, Vice-President of the American Steel Company; W. D. Leeds and W. B. Warner of the American Sheet Steel Company; T. J. Jones, district manager of the American Can Co.; and Theodore Shaffer, President of the Amalgamated Association. Secretary John Williams, Assistant M. Tighe and the following Vice-Presidents John H. Morgan, John F. Ward, C. H. Davis, Elias Jenkins, B. I. Davis, Fred J. Williams, William Gibson and D. A. Reese.

The only companies of the United States

The conference with regard to the wage scale of the Steel Steel Company was in progress in the late afternoon of June 1, and on the following day when the company representatives declined to sign for the mills at Salisbury and Scotland.

The Amalgamated men said the mills were running on a wage scale agreed upon between the company and the employees of the two mills. When the company refused to sign for the mills as such, the men then called the conference off and caused a strike.

The apparent question before the conference is this: Will the American Sheet and Steel Company consent to sign the agreement for the two doubtful mills at Scotland and Salisbury? The fact is, however, that even if the company does recognize them as non-union mills, the International Association has a right that each company that has non-union mills must sign the wage scale for all mills, union and non-union, and that in case of the company's failure to do this the association will not sign for the union mills.

FREEHOLD, N. J., July 11.—Frank Bartholomew, ex-collector of the borough of Freehold, between Atlantic and Long Beach avenues, has been indicted by the grand jury of the county of Monmouth for the crime of receiving stolen property. The indictment is returned against him for receiving stolen property to the value of \$100,000, which was the sum of money stolen from the borough of Freehold by the late collector, John J. Smith, who was killed by a mob of men in the borough of Freehold, N. J., on the night of the 10th inst.

The conviction of Bartholomew was the result of an investigation on the part of the Council elected last spring, which said to have disclosed large discrepancies in the figures of the borough, charged to him. It has been due to irregularities of the ex-collector.

Bartholomew having failed to re-elect, a demand was made upon him for the election records. He declined to give them up, and the alleged reason that they had been stolen

Barholmew is that he has been a hawker of the East India Railway Company, which John P. O'Brien is said to be determined to evade payment of taxes on a large amount. Barholmew was formerly station agent at Deal and his election as collector was said to have been aided by O'Brien and his friends.

Barholmew's counsel has filed an appeal to the Supreme Court and the case will be heard on Monday next.

3-PLATOON TRUCK LONG COMING.

It's a Big Job—Rearrangement of Force Planned, but That Is All Yet.

Police Commissioner Murphy announced yesterday that he expected some delay effecting the changes necessary for the introduction of the three-platoon system. He had a talk with Inspector Brooks, who is on the committee which is planning the new system, and the inspector told him that the rearrangement of posts was about complete.

Mutual Insurance Companies' Liability. LINCOLN, Neb., July 11.—The Supreme court held to-day that every member of a mutual insurance company, fire or life insurance company, was responsible for all losses, notwithstanding any attempt at limiting liability, in that the statute fixing liability was written in the very words and could not be changed by the by-laws of all members to

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New York Central. A train every hour.—Adc.